

# Texas Adopt-A-Beach Program

## Become a Beach Guardian!

This form may be completed and faxed  
or mailed to us.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Adopting Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Approximate number in group \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you want to adopt a mile of beach?

\_\_\_\_\_

Your signature confirms your desire to become an official Beach Guardian of a mile of Texas beach for one year. As a Beach Guardian, you agree to: clean your stretch of beach at least three times per year during the adopting year (although school groups can fulfill their obligation with a single cleanup); coordinate your cleanup efforts with the local Adopt-A-Beach Program volunteer coordinator; record information about trash collected on data cards and return the cards to the Adopt-A-Beach Program; and remind beachgoers that Trashing Texas Beaches Isn't Cool!™

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail completed form to:  
**Texas Adopt-A-Beach Program**  
**P.O. Box 12873**  
**Austin, Texas 78711-2873**

Or fax the form to: **512-475-1415**  
Questions about becoming a Beach Guardian?  
Call us at 1-877-TXCOAST (1-877-892-6278)



Commissioner Patterson and "Little Texans."

Dear Fellow Texans:

Everybody loves the beach, but not everyone respects the beach. Every year, beachgoers leave tons of trash on Texas beaches and even more washes up from the Gulf of Mexico, or from streams and rivers. As the designated steward of the Texas Coast, the Texas General Land Office began the Adopt-A-Beach Program in 1986 to help turn the tide against trash. Since then hundreds of thousands of dedicated volunteers have braved sun, wind and rain to remove thousands of tons of trash from our shores. These folks put elbow grease into environmentalism. They care about the Texas Coast and want to protect it for future generations.

If you feel the same way, then I hope you'll join me and your fellow Texans by supporting the Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Program. Come to a beach cleanup, become a Beach Guardian or make a donation. Help us remind all Texans that Trashing Texas Beaches Isn't Cool.™

See you at the beach,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry".

Jerry Patterson  
Commissioner  
Texas General Land Office

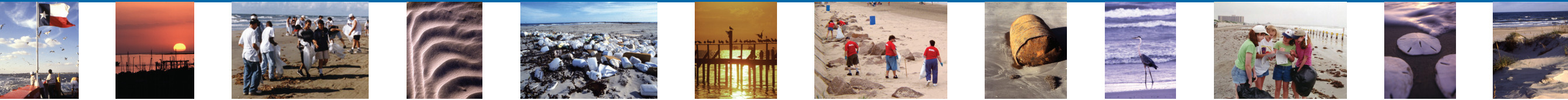
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# Preserving and protecting Texas beaches since 1986



**The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Program** began in 1986 and is an all-volunteer effort dedicated to preserving and protecting Texas beaches.

Our continued success is due to the generous efforts of hard-working local coordinators, community leaders, sponsors and citizens—folks, like you, who believe our Texas coast is worth saving.

Become an Adopt-A-Beach volunteer today and help Texas turn the tide against trash. Our cleanups take place at least twice a year at locations all along the coast, and are fun, family-oriented events.

## TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE



JERRY PATTERSON • COMMISSIONER

- ✓ Keep Texas beaches clean through annual all-volunteer cleanups!
- ✓ Educate Texans, young and old, about harmful marine debris!
- ✓ Rally Texas support for state, national and international action to clean coastal waters!

*Help Turn the Tide Against Trash!*

for more info:

1-877-TXCOAST

1-877-892-6278

[www.texasadoptabeach.org](http://www.texasadoptabeach.org)



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## Ways to Help

### Attend a Spring or Fall Beach Cleanup

Every year the Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Program organizes two coastwide beach cleanups, one in April and one in September. Open to the public, the cleanups are a great outdoor activity. Bring family, friends or coworkers and have a great time!

### Become a Beach Guardian™

Through the Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Beach Guardian™ Program, you or your school, company or organization can take the next step by “adopting” a mile of Texas beach and committing to keep it clean for one year. Complete and mail the attached reply card to begin your one-year term to protect our coast today.

### Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest

Each year, the Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Program invites Texas schoolchildren, grades K through 6, to participate in the annual Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest. The contest encourages young artists to learn about the Texas coast, and to help educate all Texans about the need to protect it! Check our website for more information.

### Donate to Adopt-A-Beach

Help support the mission of the Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Program through a financial donation or in-kind contribution. Donations raised through the program pay to support our yearly cleanup efforts, our children's art contest and much more! Help make a difference by donating to the program today! Call toll free or visit our website to donate online.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Where can I go to clean the beach?

There are dozens of cleanup site locations for each cleanup event. Please check our website at [www.texasadoptabeach.org](http://www.texasadoptabeach.org) one month before the fall or spring cleanups, or call our toll free number at 1-877-TXCOAST for more information.

### Who can attend?

All volunteers are welcome to join us at our annual cleanups. Children under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian present, or have had their parent or legal guardian sign a registration/liability release form prior to the event. A copy of the form is provided on our website.

### Are the beach cleanups free?

The cleanups are free and we welcome all volunteers.

### How long does it take?

The cleanups last three hours and are held from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

### What happens if it rains?

Our motto is “we clean rain or shine” unless the weather is severe. Prior to the cleanup, check the local weather information for the beach you plan to clean.

### How do I donate to the Adopt-A-Beach Program?

You can mail your donation to our Austin office or donate online at [www.texasadoptabeach.org](http://www.texasadoptabeach.org).

### How can I find out more information?

You may log onto our website at [www.texasadoptabeach.org](http://www.texasadoptabeach.org) or call us toll free at 1-877-TXCOAST.

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